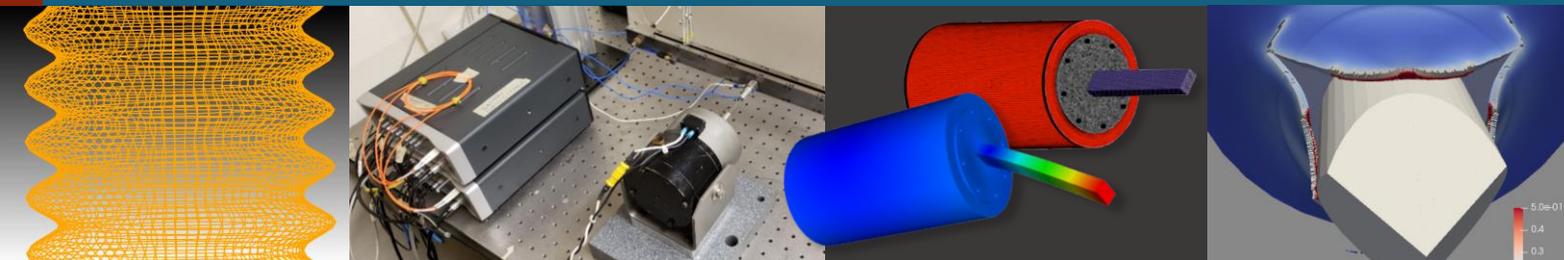


# Fielding Advance Diagnostics to Understand Joint Dynamics



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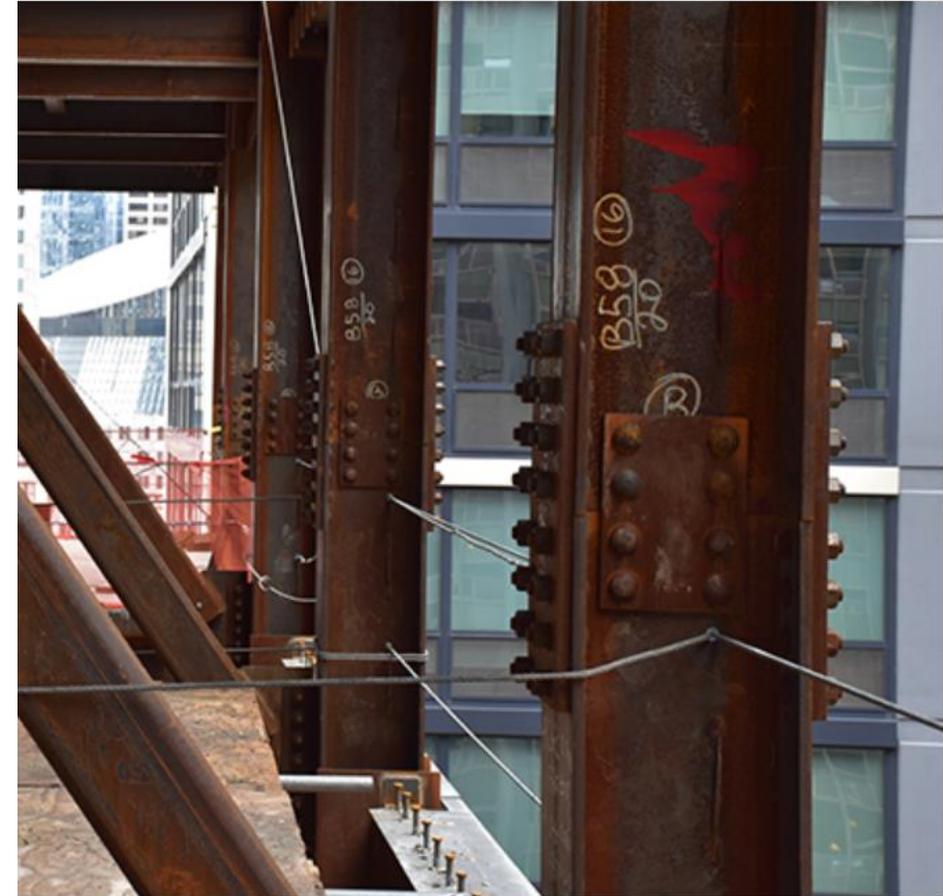
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## ○ Motivation:

- Bolted joints are known to be sources of nonlinearity in bolted structures which are well studied but not well understood
- Traditional sensing modalities (e.g., accelerometers) does not localize measurements to places like joints which are contributing to the nonlinearity
  - Oftentimes, hard to measure inside and around a joint (small deformations)

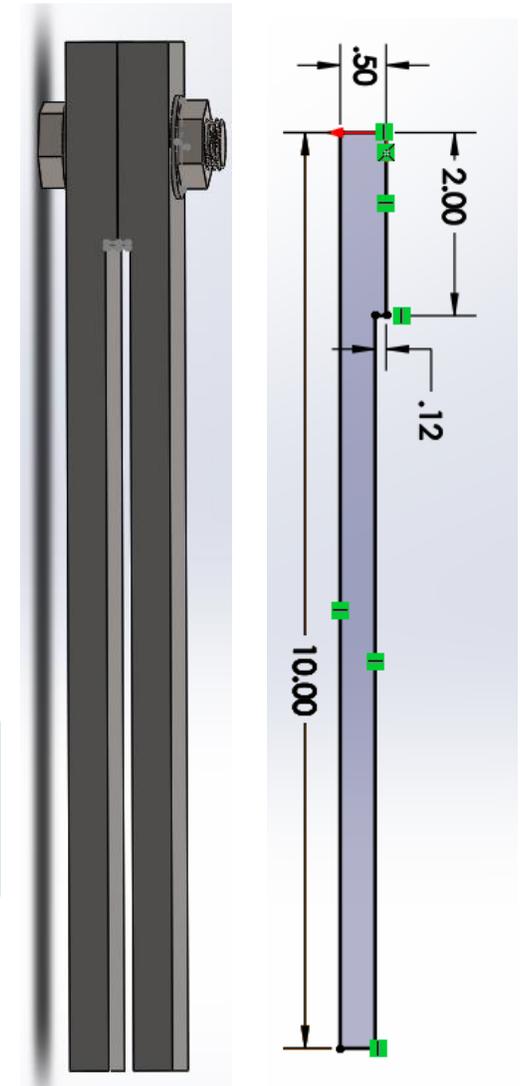


Source: AISC

## Objectives:

- Use high-speed cameras combined with digital image correlation (DIC) to acquire full-field spatio-temporal dynamic measurements of a single-bolted C-beam during linear and nonlinear modal tests.
- Use phase-based motion magnification (PMM) to observe deformations within the jointed region during vibration
- Assess a solid mechanics model of the beam to replicate the physics of the experiment

**Main Objective: can we observe differences in the bolt joint gapping/deformation as the structure resonates at different amplitude levels?**

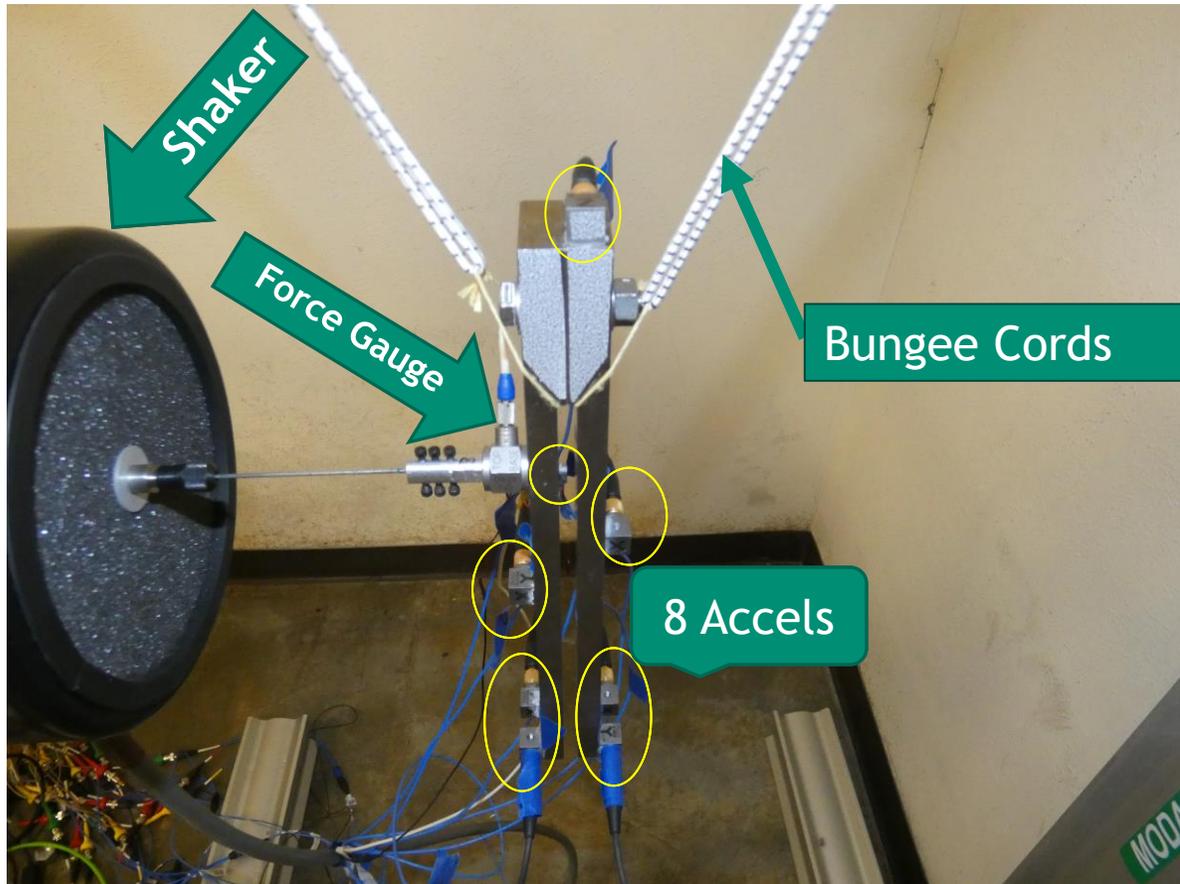


**C-bolted Beam**

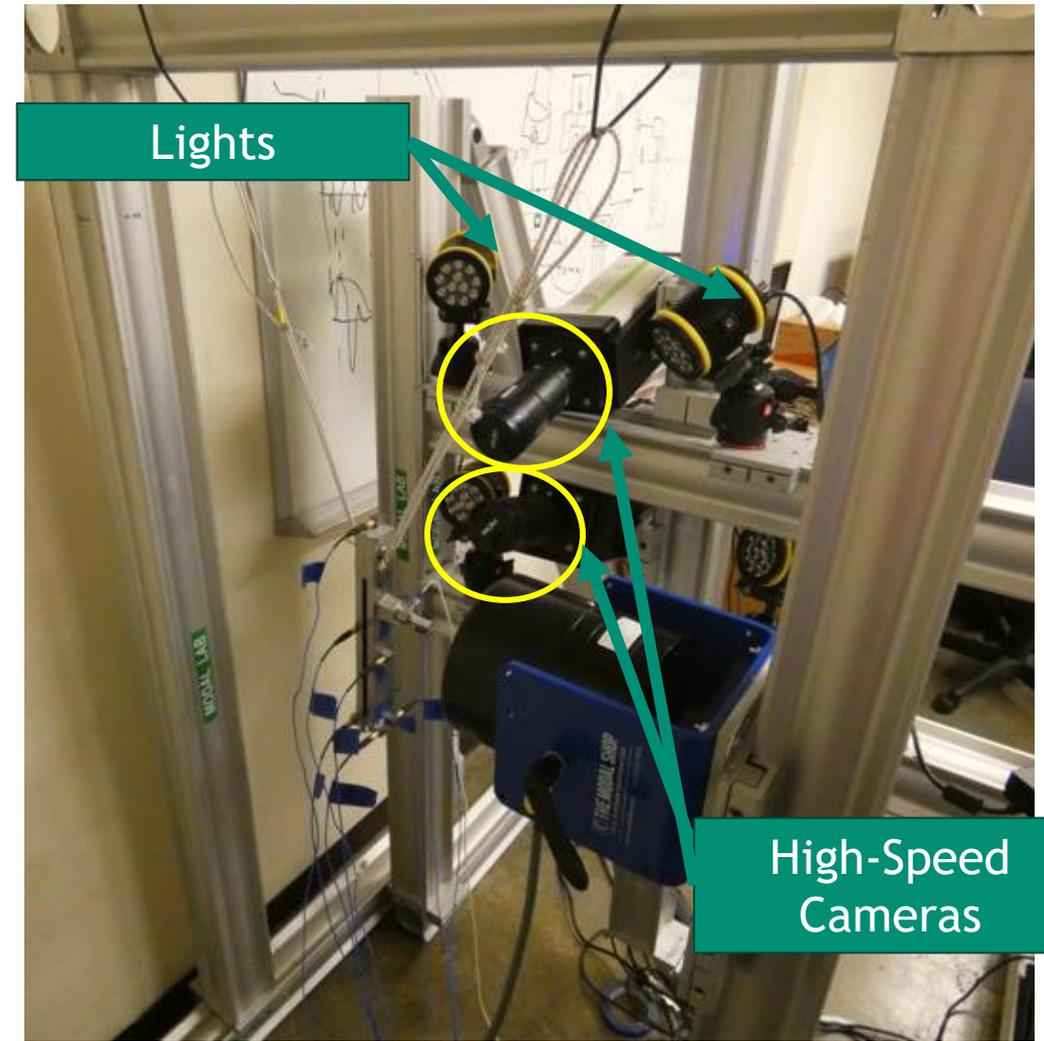


# Experimental Test Setup

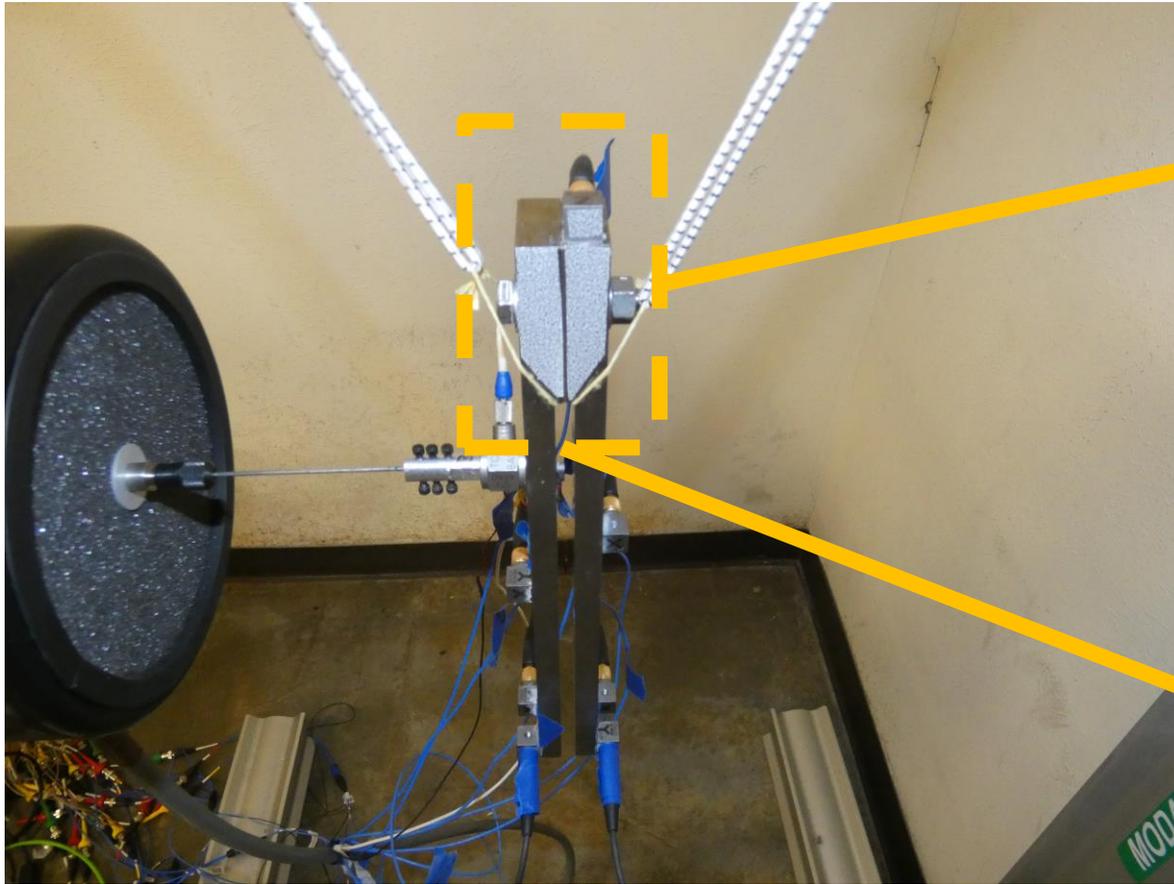
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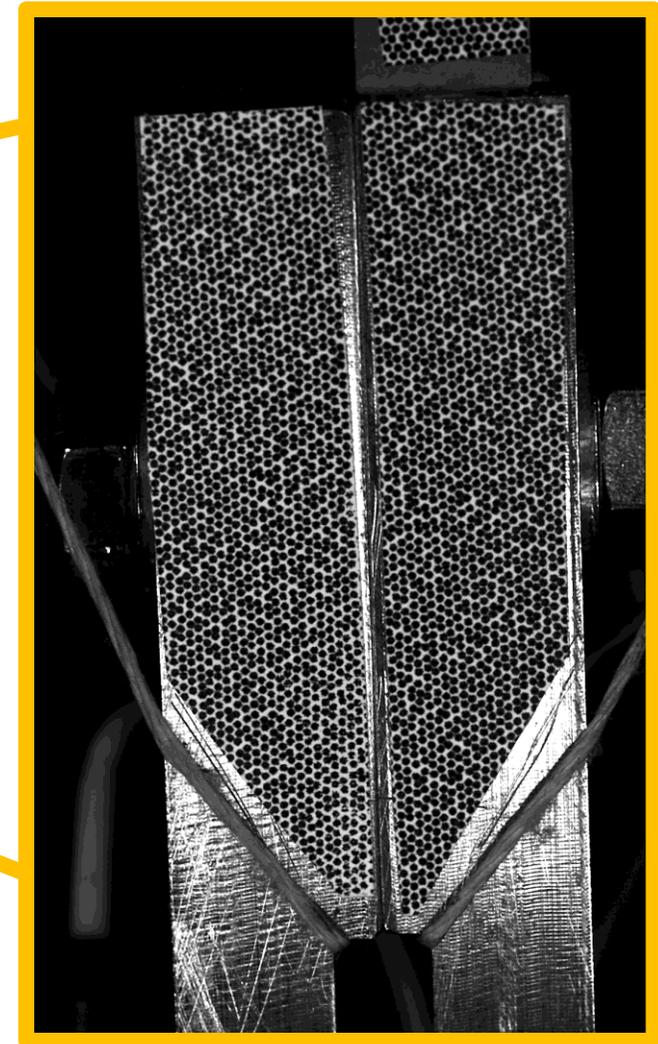
C-Beam Experimental Setup



Cameras and DIC Setup

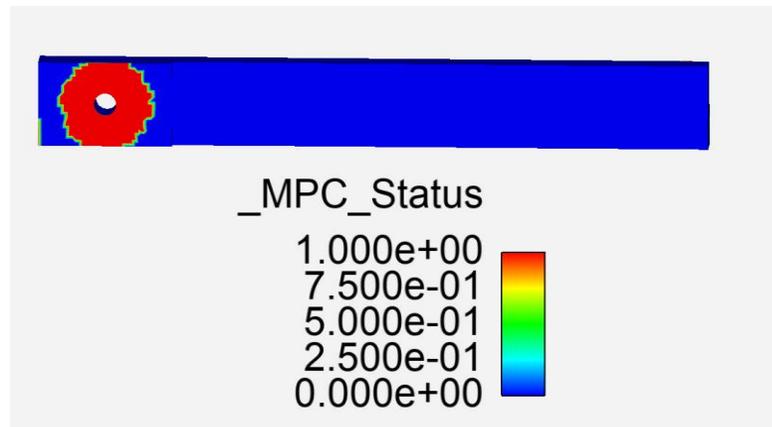


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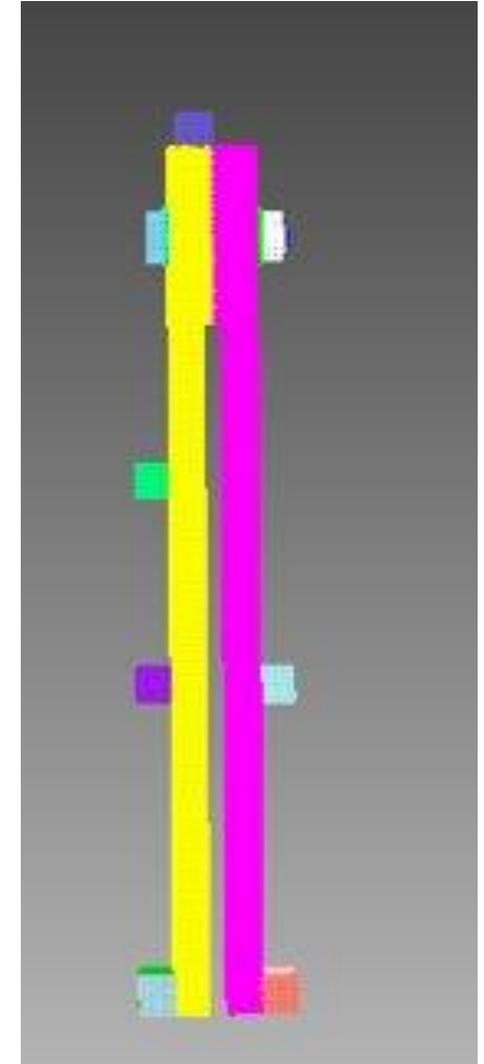


**Speckle Pattern**

- Developed Solid Mechanics (SM) and Structural Dynamics (SD) models using Sierra finite element codes and CUBIT
- Analysis procedure:
  - **Step 1:** Apply preload to bolt to predict the preloaded equilibrium state
  - **Step 2:** Linearize the model about the preloaded state and predict the vibration modes using eigen-analysis
  - **Step 3:** Apply a sine wave force at resonant frequency for different force amplitudes to observe joint behavior near resonance
- Applied torque was set to be 154.12 in-lb (14.14 Nm)

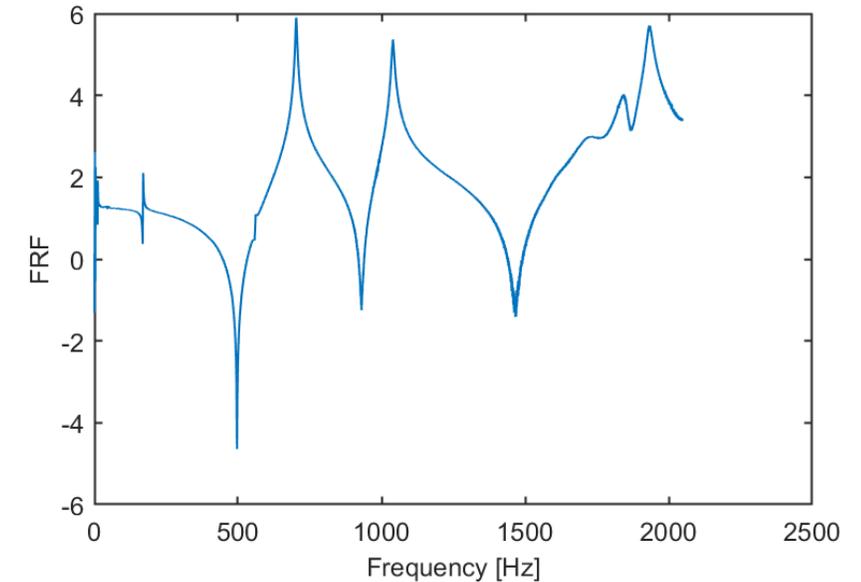
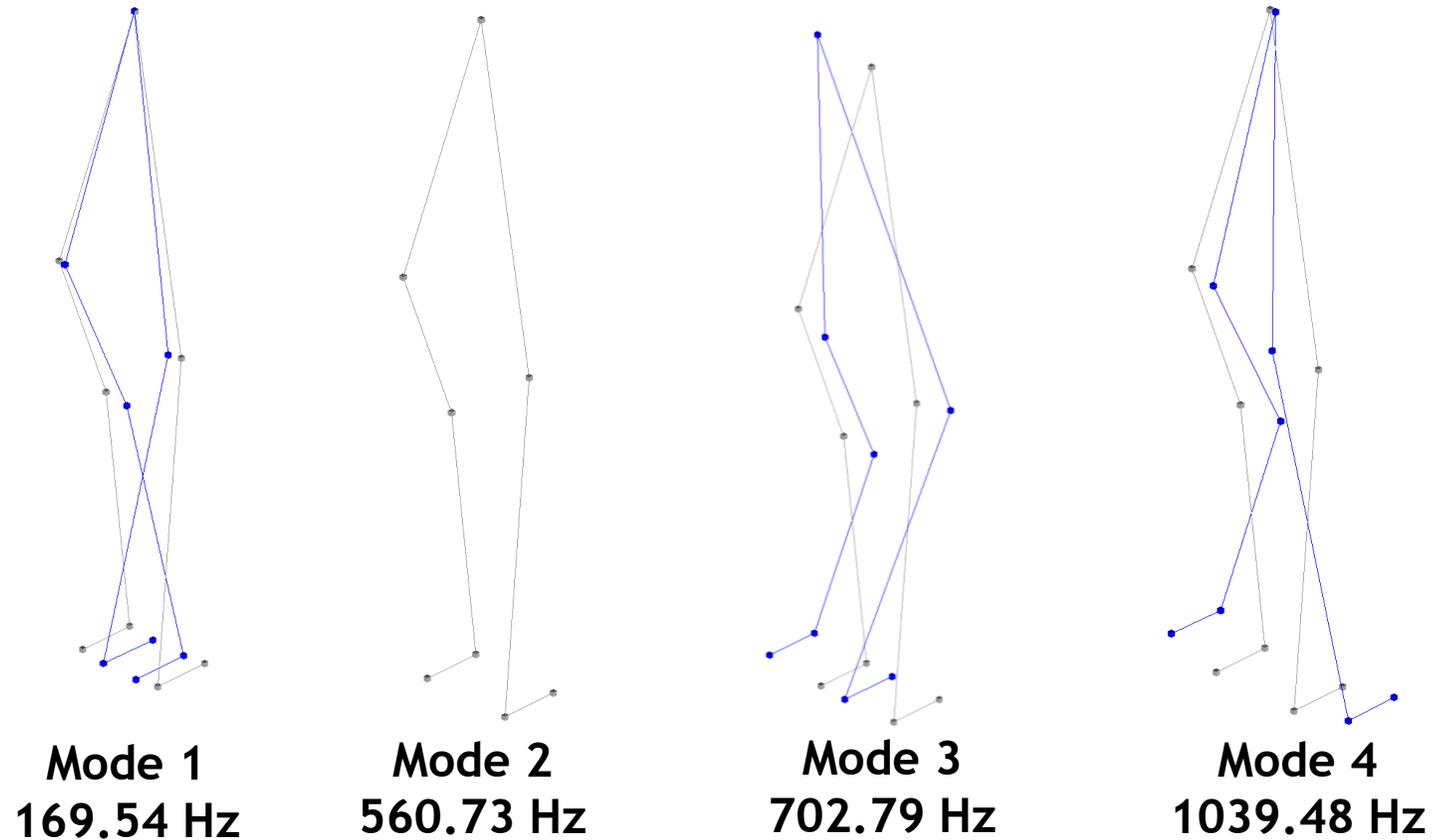


Example of the linearized preload area on the joint



Finite Element Model (FEM)

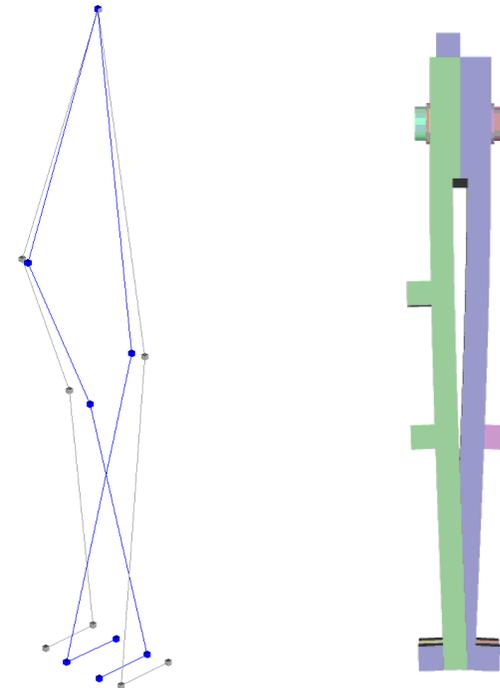
- Conducted experimental modal test using random burst to determine the first 4 elastic modes of the test specimen:



- Eigen-value analysis was conducted to validate the FEA model
- First elastic mode is the target mode for this investigation since it causes the joint to gap

## Mode Shape and Frequency Comparison

Torque = 154.12 in-lb				
Mode	FEA Results [Hz]	Experimental Results [Hz]	Percent Error [%]	MAC
1	165.33	169.54	2.48	0.9905
2	554.44	560.73	1.12	0.994
3	688.4	702.79	2.05	0.9915
4	1019.1	1039.48	1.96	0.9898

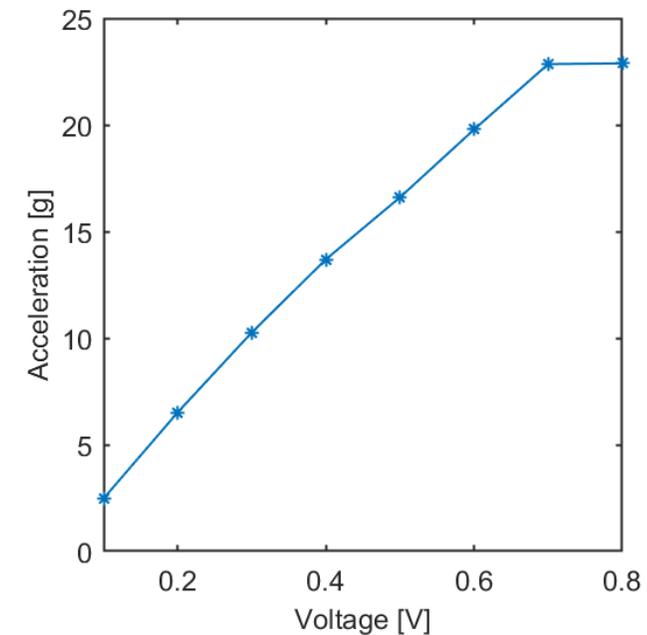
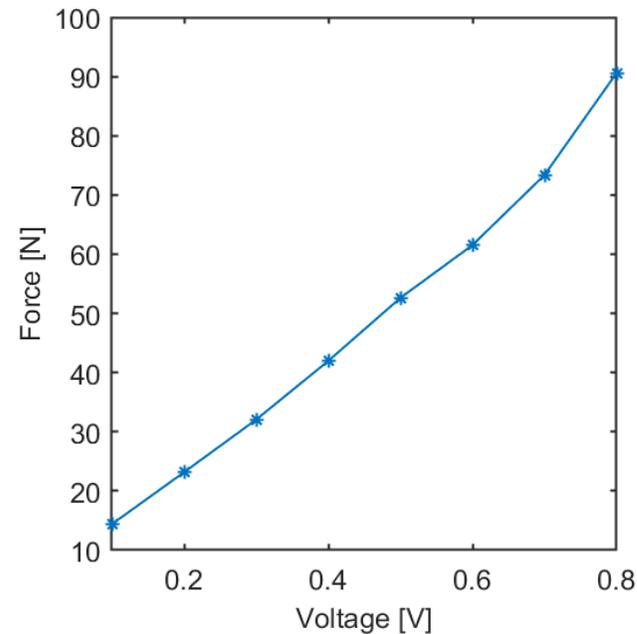
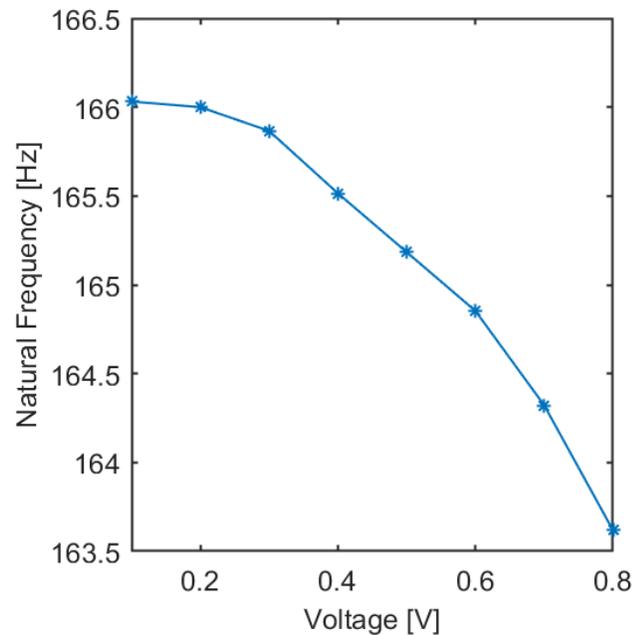


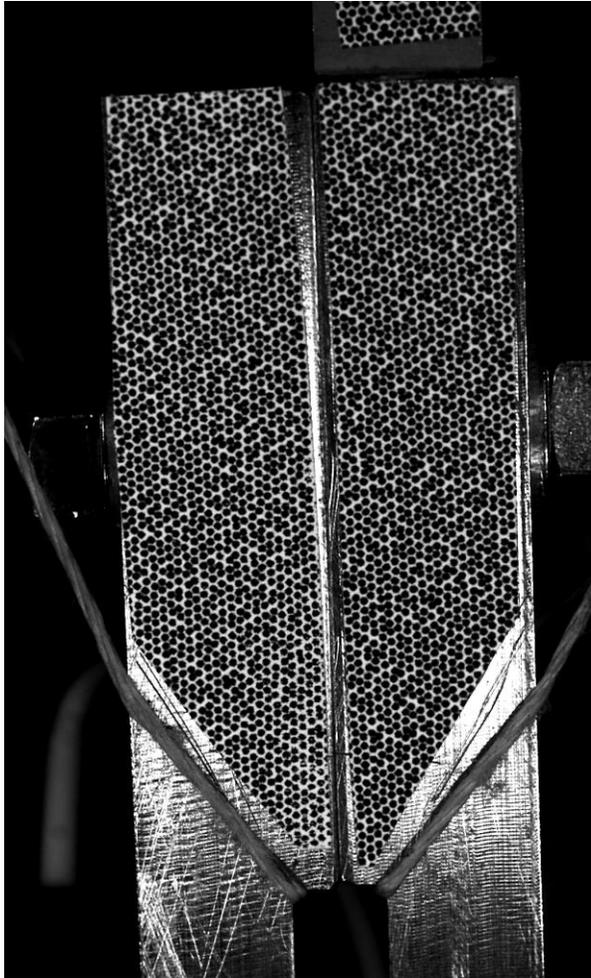
Comparison of First Mode Shape  
Exp (left) vs FEA (right)

# Normal Mode Testing: Experimental Non-Linear System ID

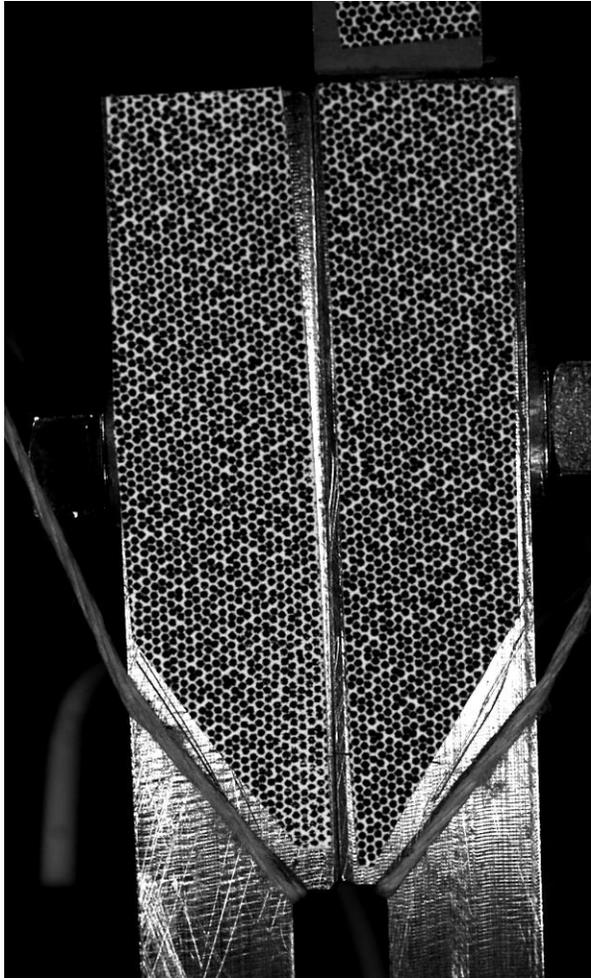


- Normal mode tests were conducted to excite the beam's first mode at different voltage levels: 0.1 — 0.8V (Testlab Module)
- The joint deformation was recorded using the high-speed cameras
- Backbone curves were constructed as function of the fundamental frequency and corresponding force and response amplitudes





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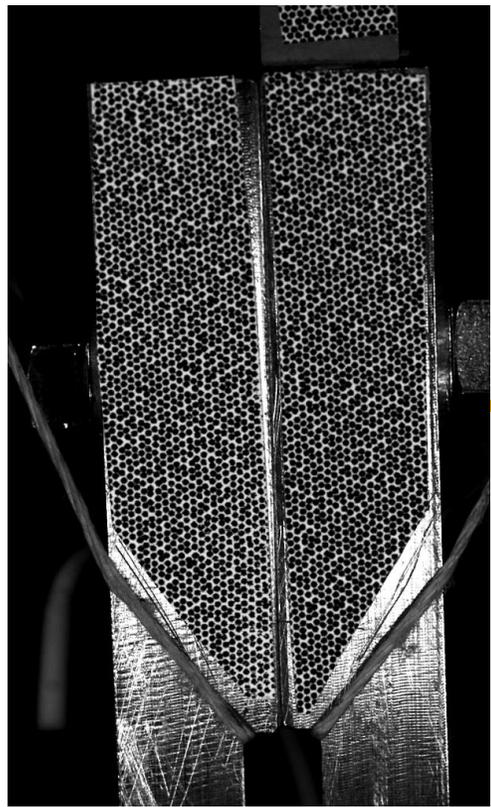


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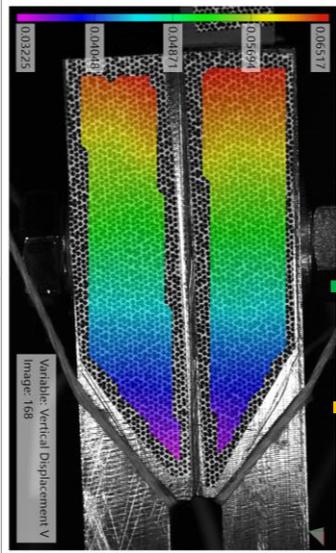


PMM (x10)

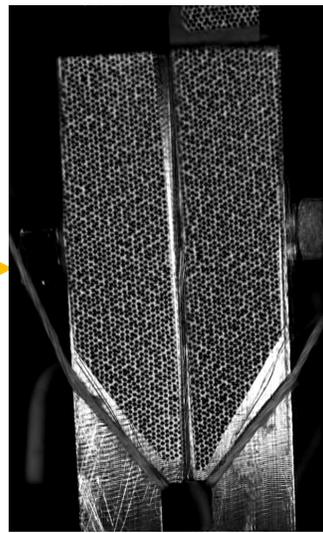
# Normal Mode Testing: Workflow for Video Processing



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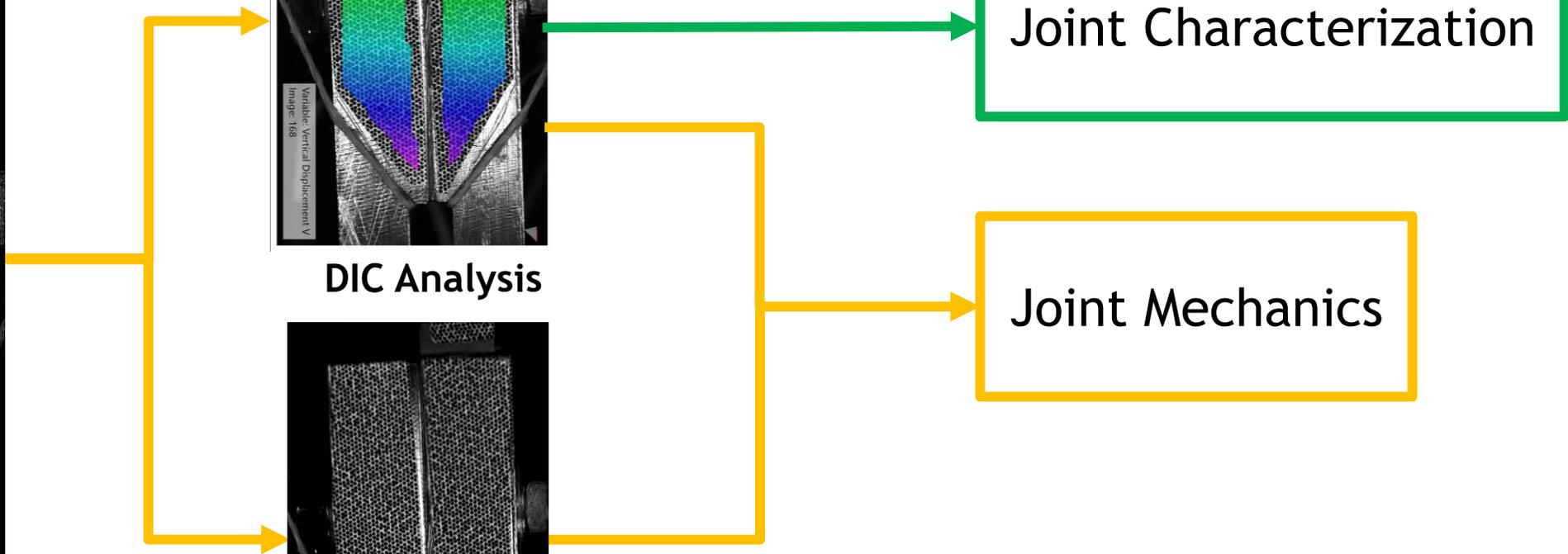
DIC Analysis



PMM

Joint Characterization

Joint Mechanics



# Normal Mode Testing: Joint Mechanics



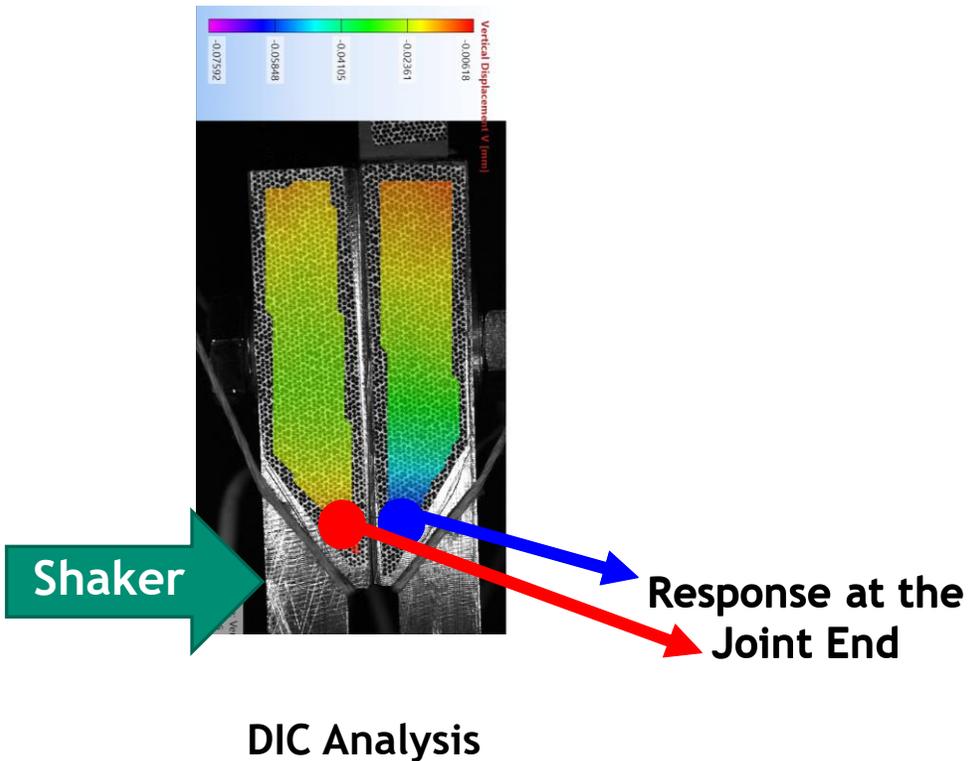
DIC

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Joint Mechanics

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- DIC analysis and PMM were used to understand the beam response during one cycle of oscillation:
  - The right beam flexes freely, while the left beam is restrained by the shaker



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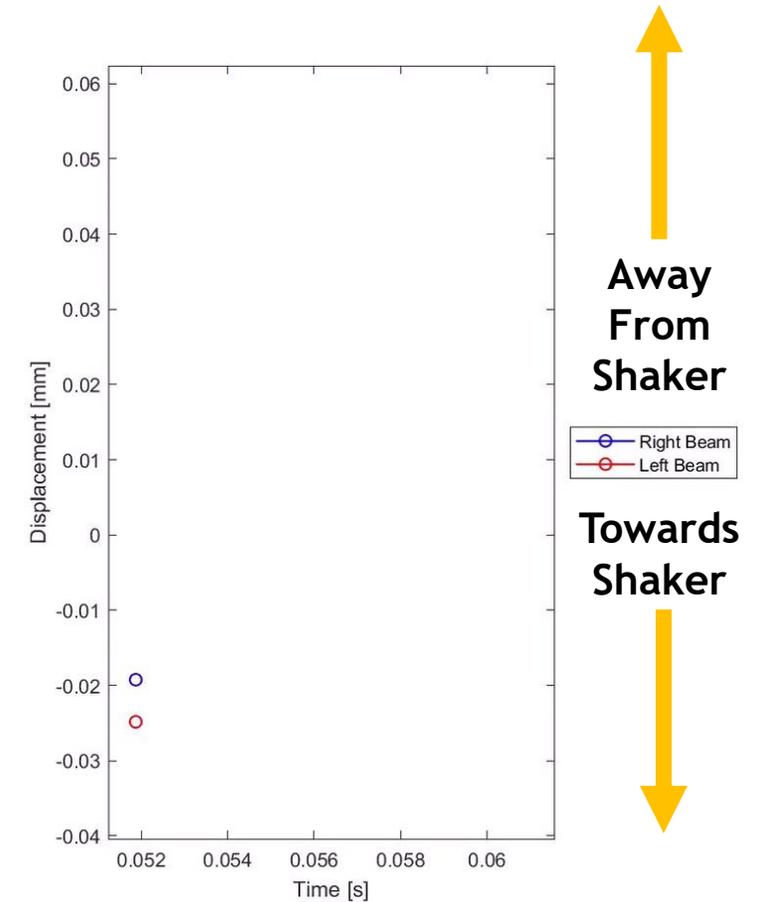
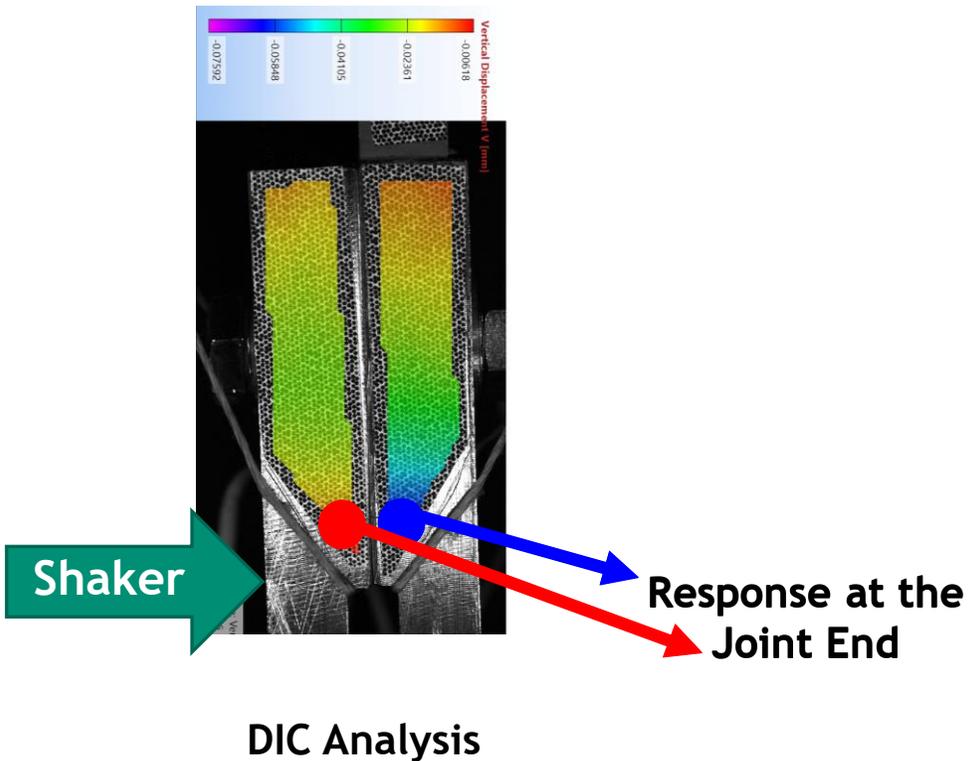
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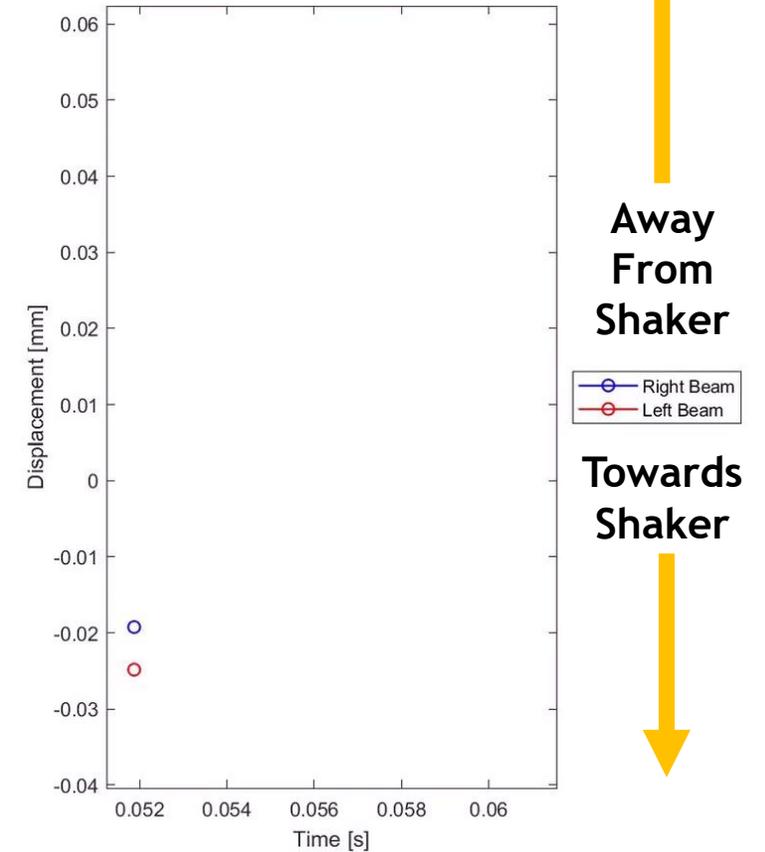
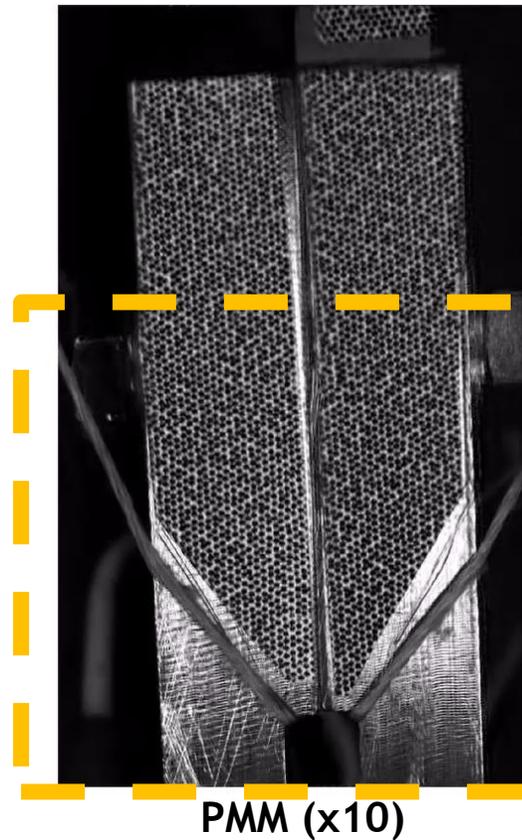
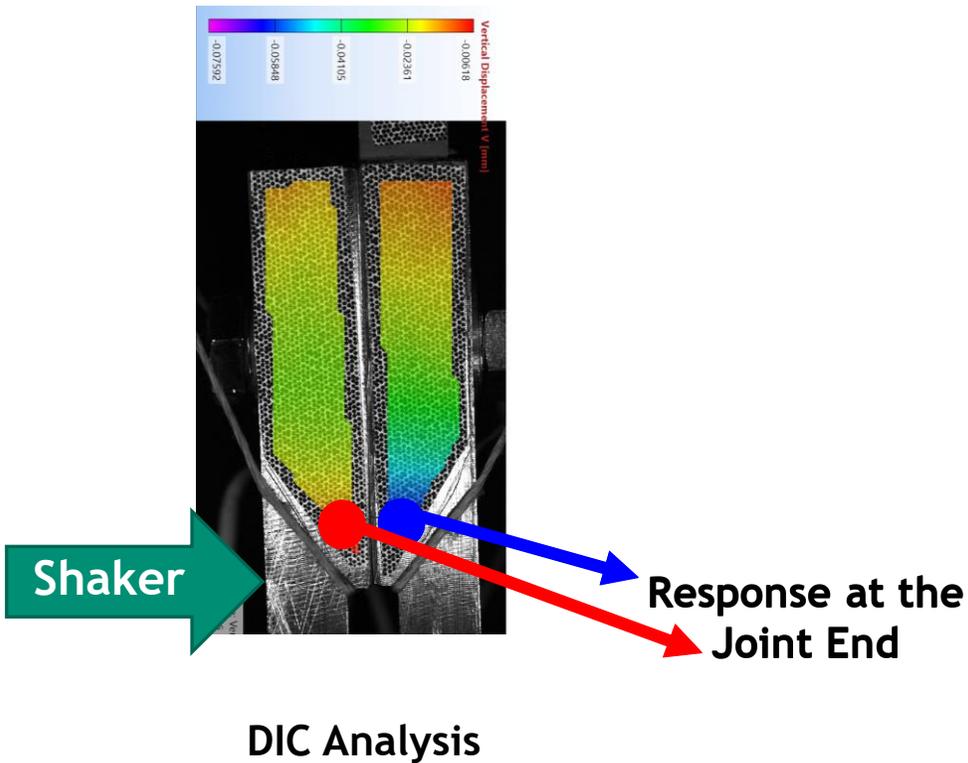
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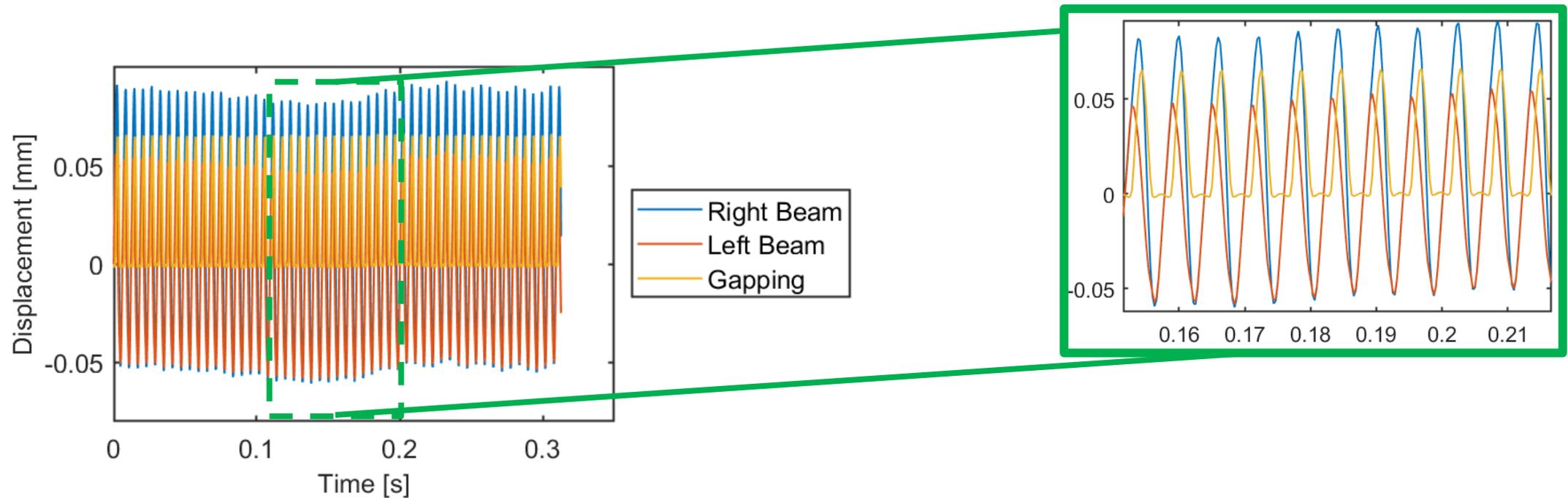
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- DIC analysis were used to determine the gapping between beams



**Joint Deformation at 0.4V**

# Normal Mode Testing: Joint Response Characterization



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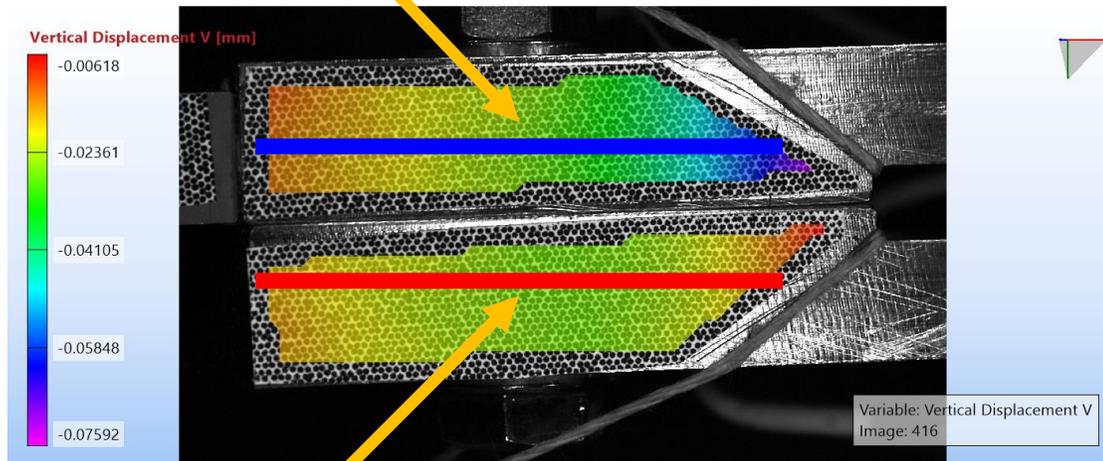
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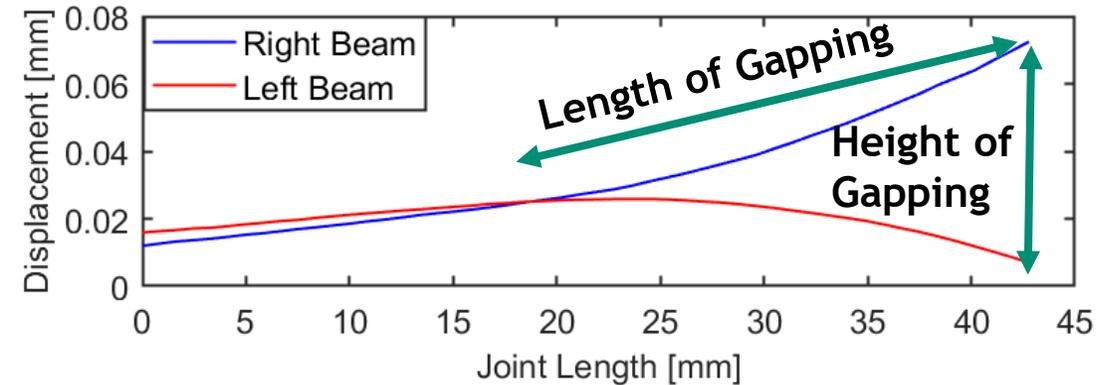
- The length and height of the joint gapping were characterized using DIC analysis:

Response of the  
Right Beam



Response of the  
Left Beam

DIC Analysis at Maximum Joint Gapping (voltage level of 0.6V)



Joint Deformation at Maximum Gapping (voltage level of 0.6V)



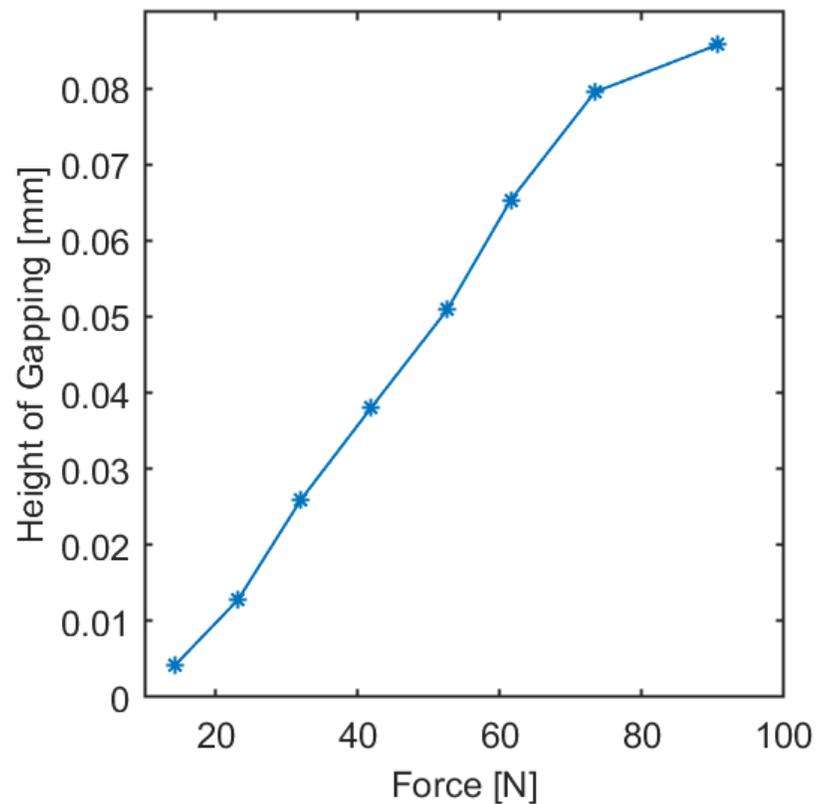
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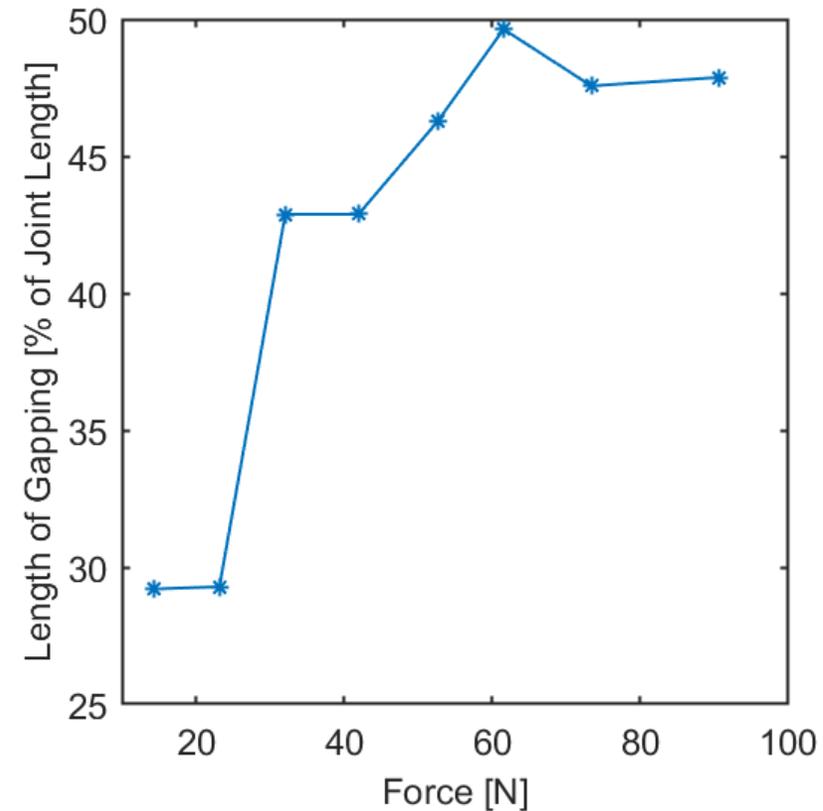
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**Height of Gapping Results**



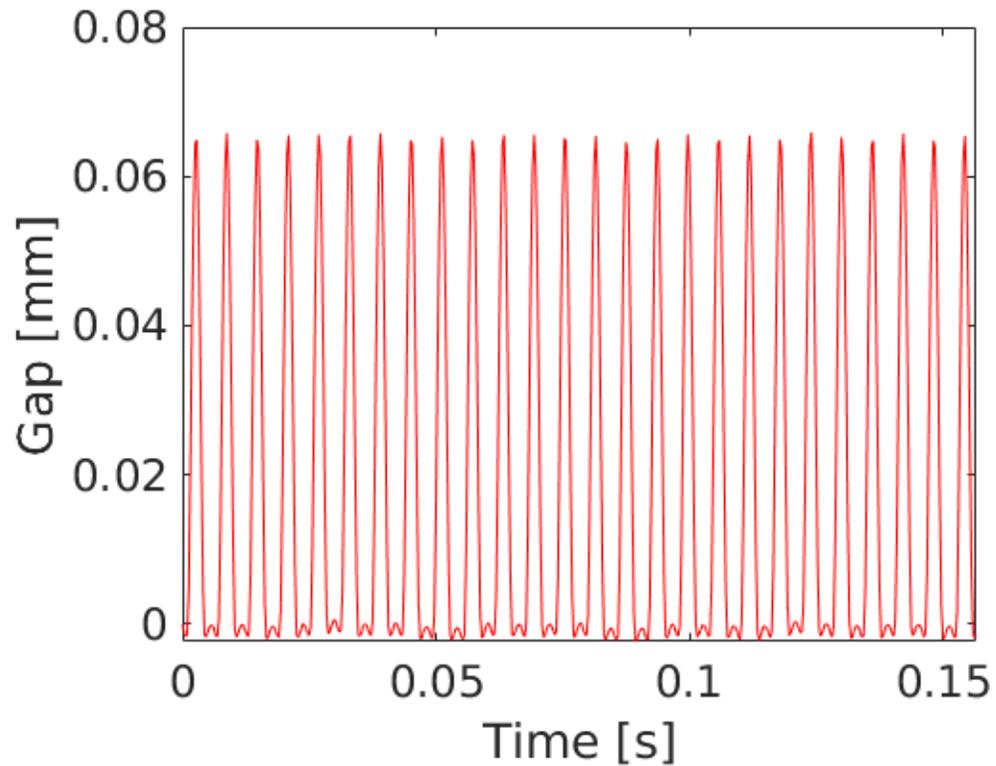
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# Normal Mode Testing: FEA Comparison (105N)

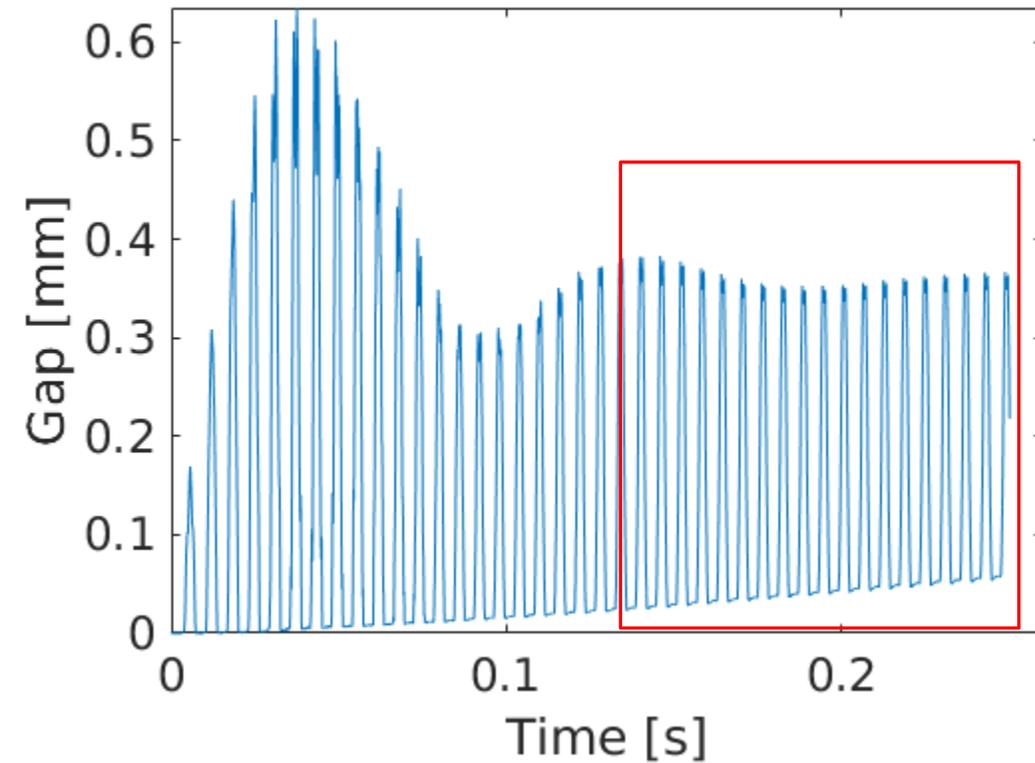


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Gapping prediction for FEM: 0.300 mm



**Experimental Results at 105 N**



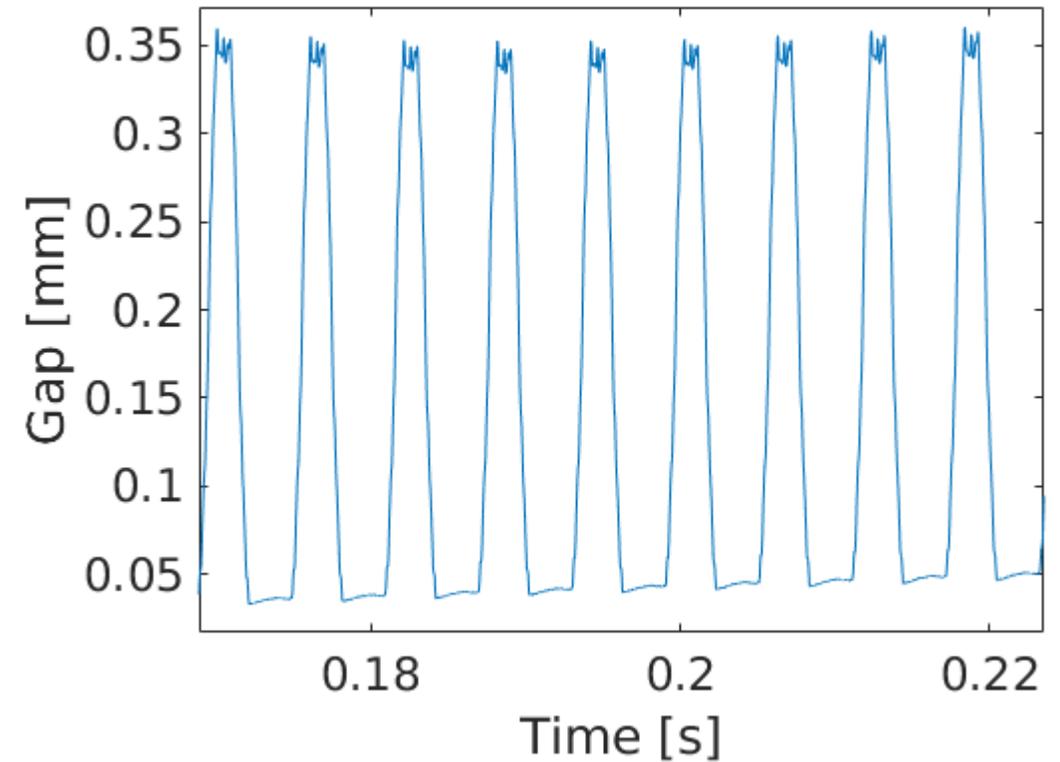
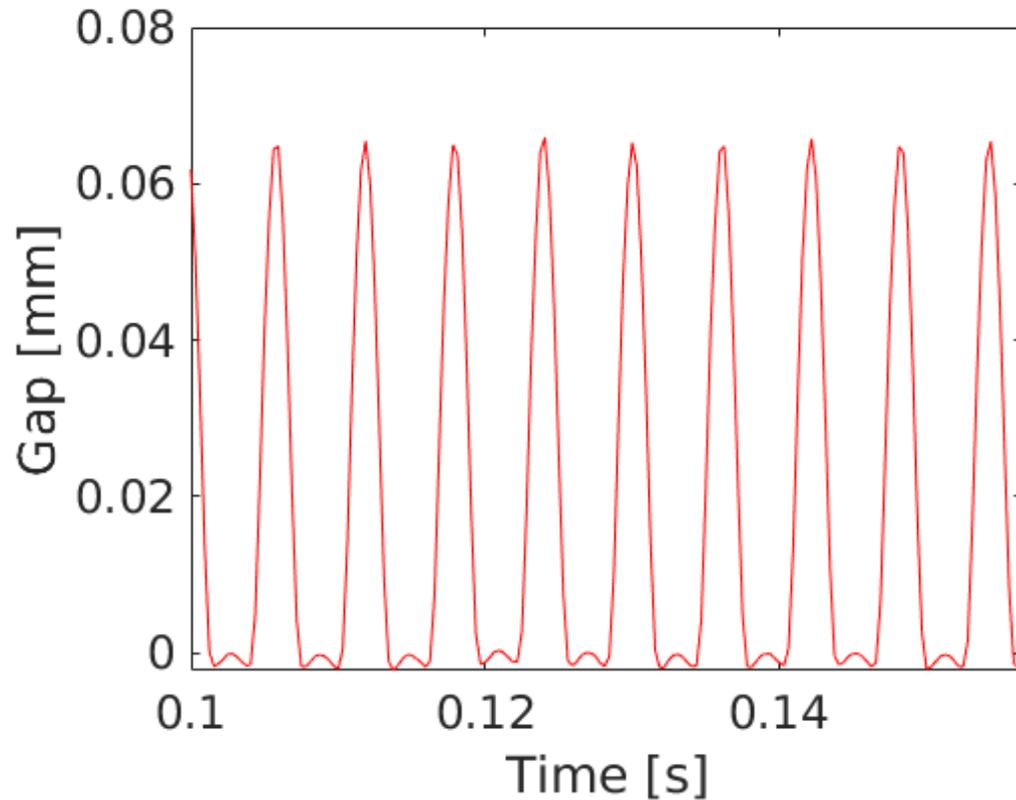
**FEA Simulation Results at 105 N**

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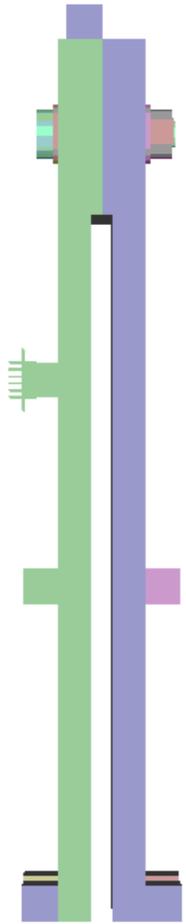


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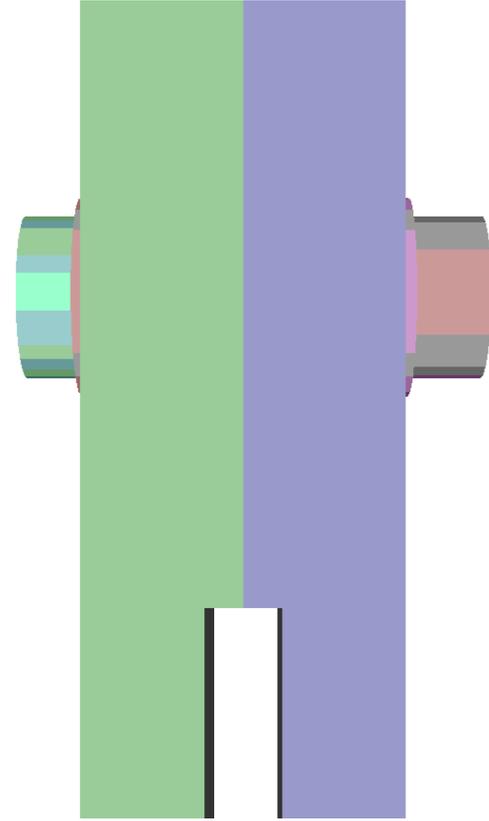
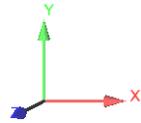
Gapping prediction for FEM: 0.300 mm



# FEA Displacement (105N)



Displacement at 105 N x10



Displacement at 105 N Zoomed in to the joint area x15



- Nonlinearity of bolted joints are not well-understood
- High-speed imaging, DIC and PMM were used to characterize the nonlinear response of the bolted joint
- FEA results indicate a good qualitative agreement with experimental results
- Changes to the gapping behavior (length and height of gapping) were observed as function of the vibration amplitude

## ○ Future Work

- Study the impact of bolt torque on the nonlinear response of the beam
- Modify some of the input deck parameters for the FEA such as mass damping and coefficient of friction
- Add surface data to the FEA and analyze the results
- Optimize the contact definition to follow the experimental nonlinear behavior

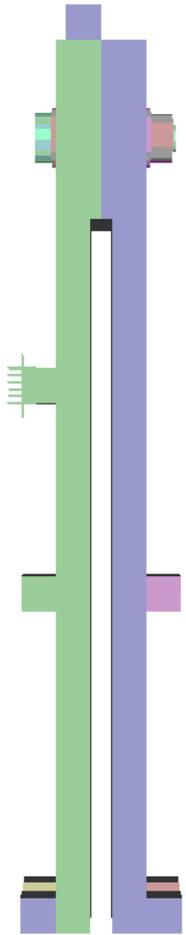
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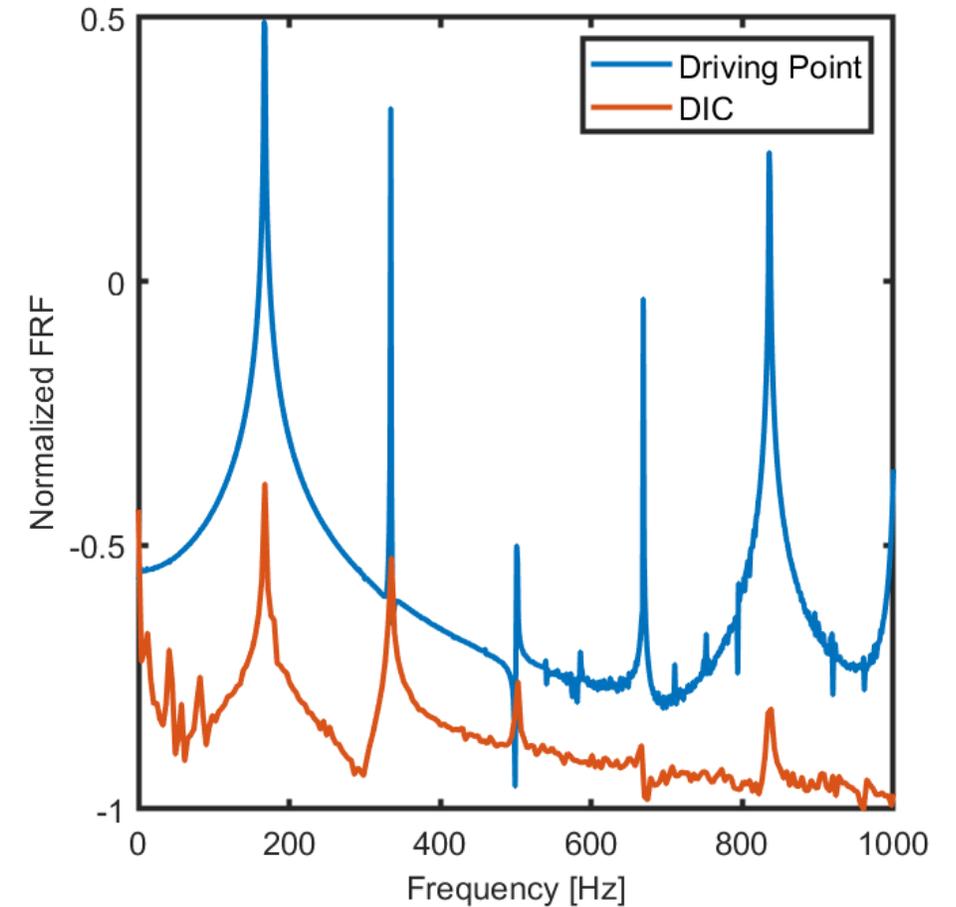
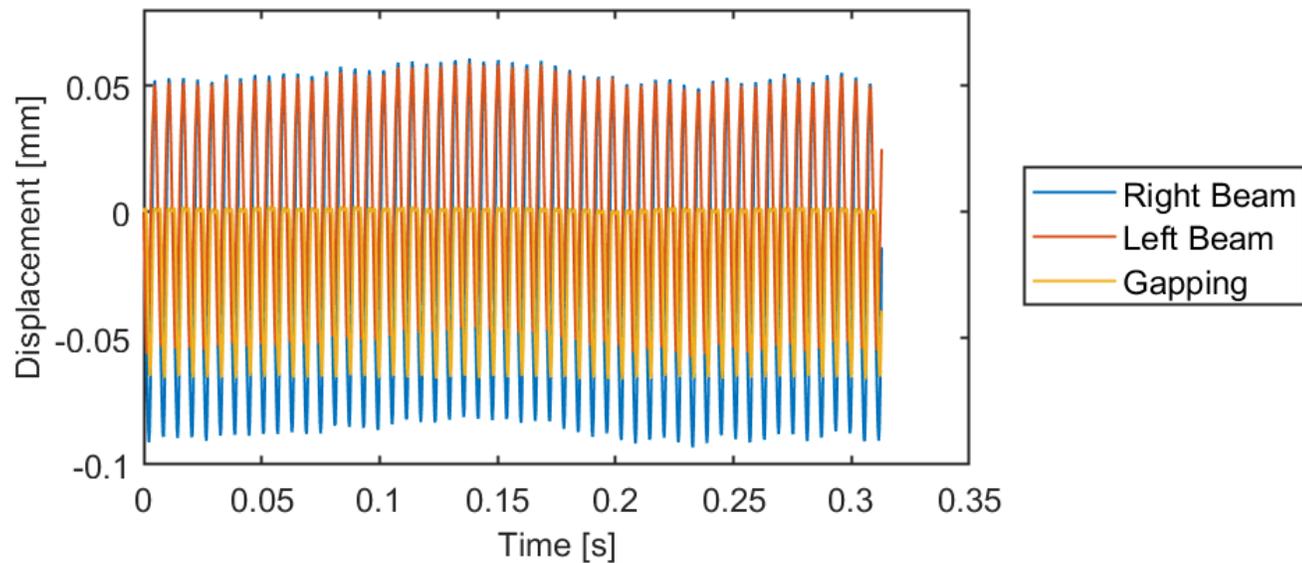
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Displacement at 15 N



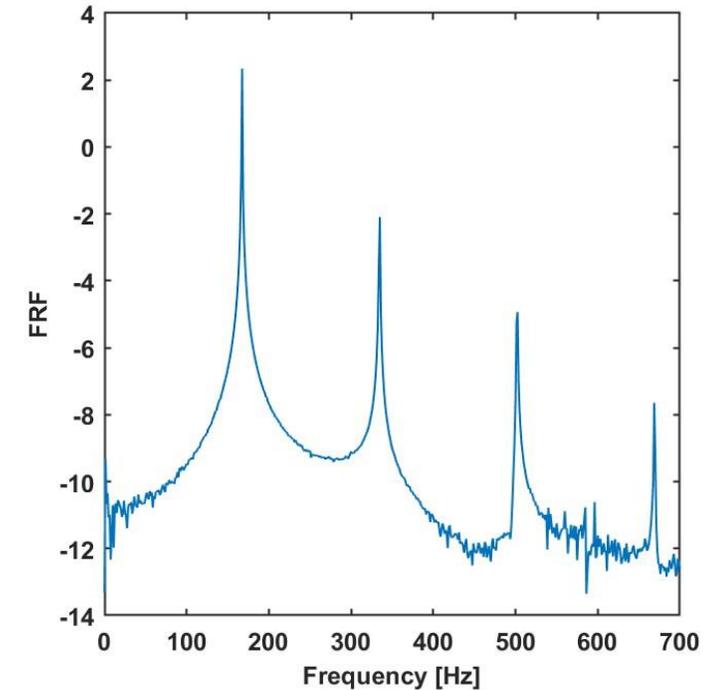
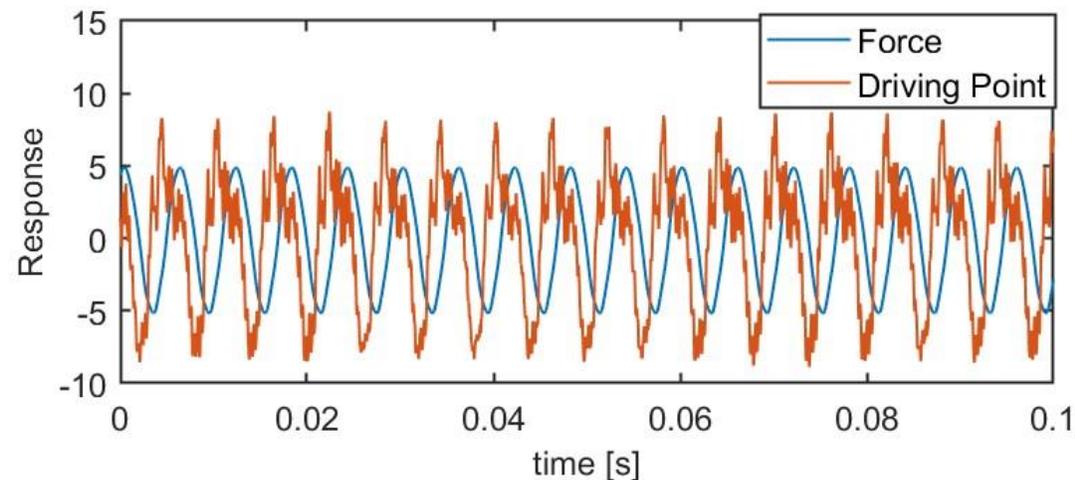
- DIC results were validated using the driving point accelerometer



# Appendix - Normal Mode Testing: Test Setup



- Sine dwell tests were conducted to excite the beam's first mode at different levels of excitation: 0.1 — 0.8V
- Active close loop was used to maintain a  $\sim 90^\circ$  phase difference between the driving force and driving-point response (i.e., phase locking)
- The steady-state response of the beam was recorded using the high-speed cameras





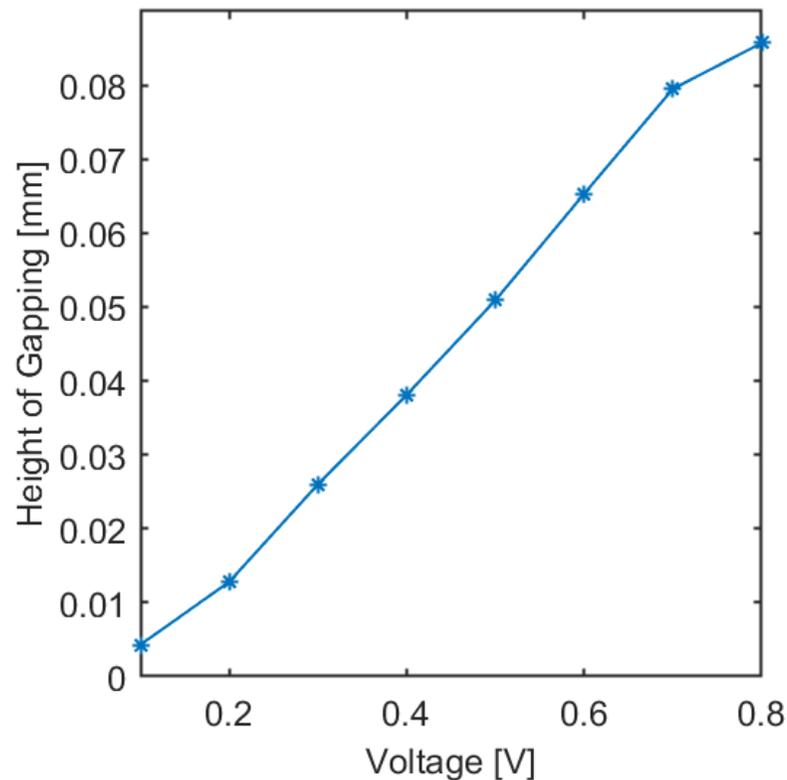
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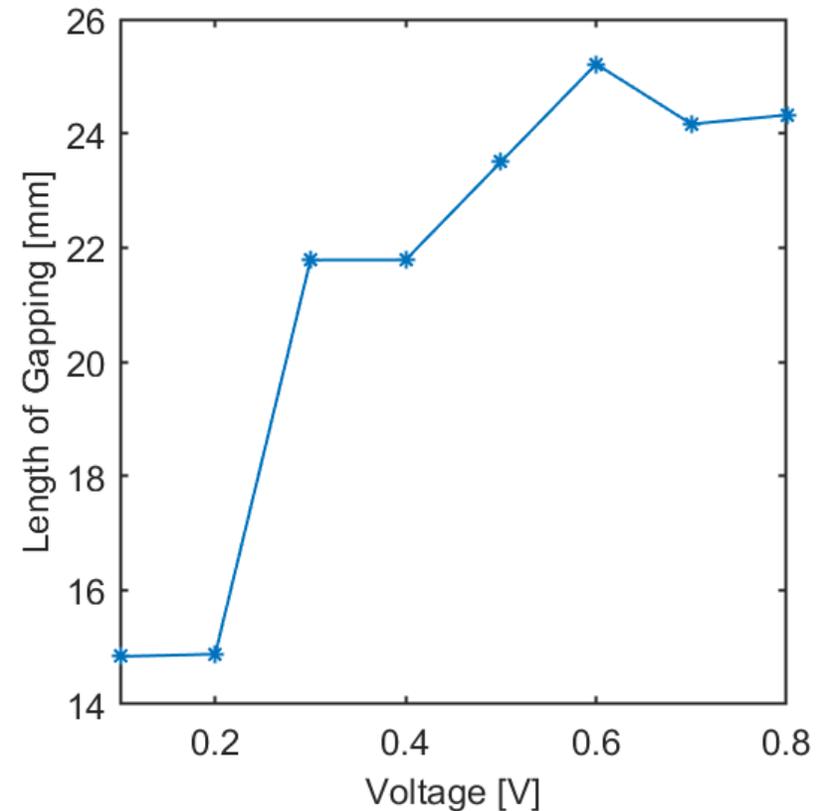
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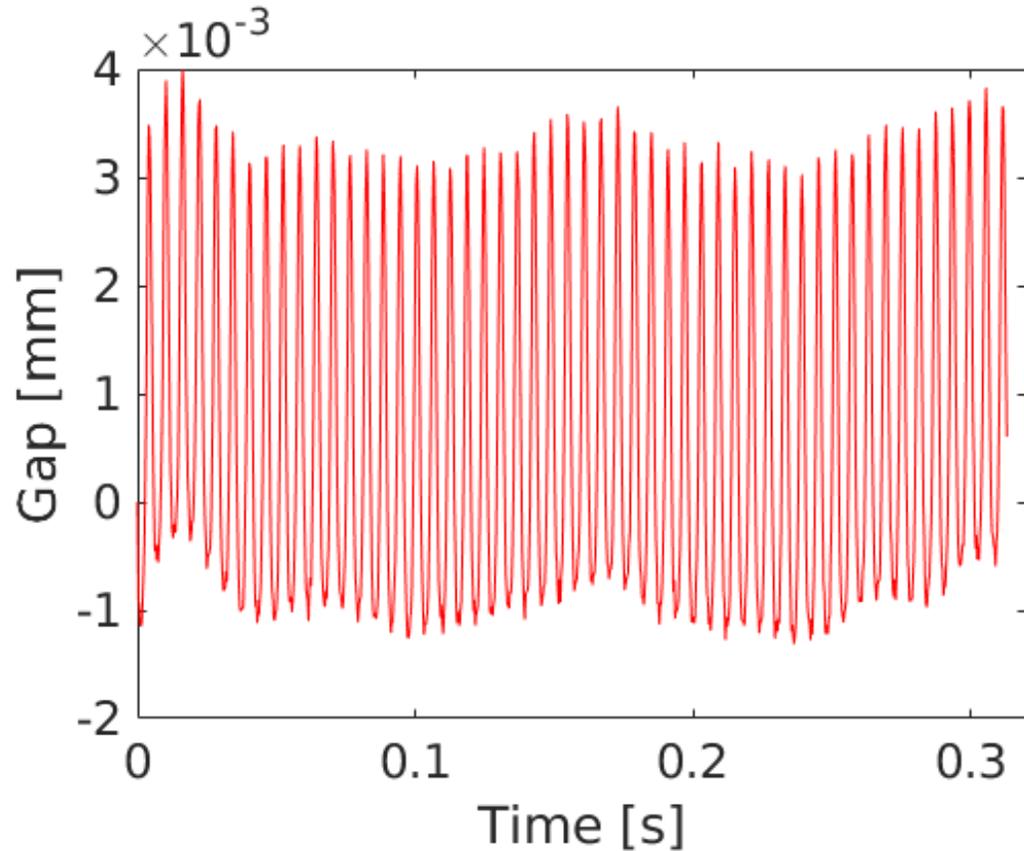
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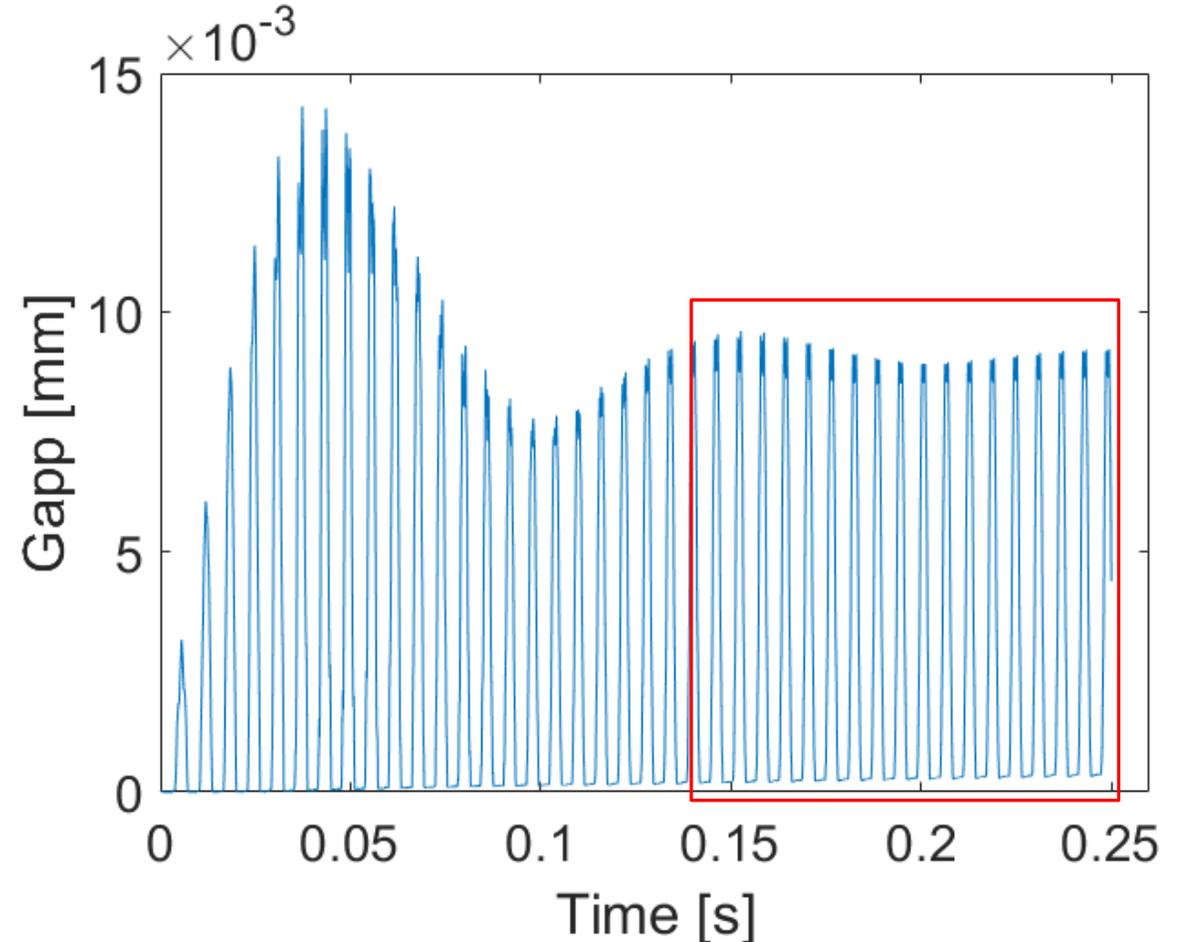


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Gapping prediction for FEM:  $9.20E^{-03}$  mm



Experimental Results at 15 N



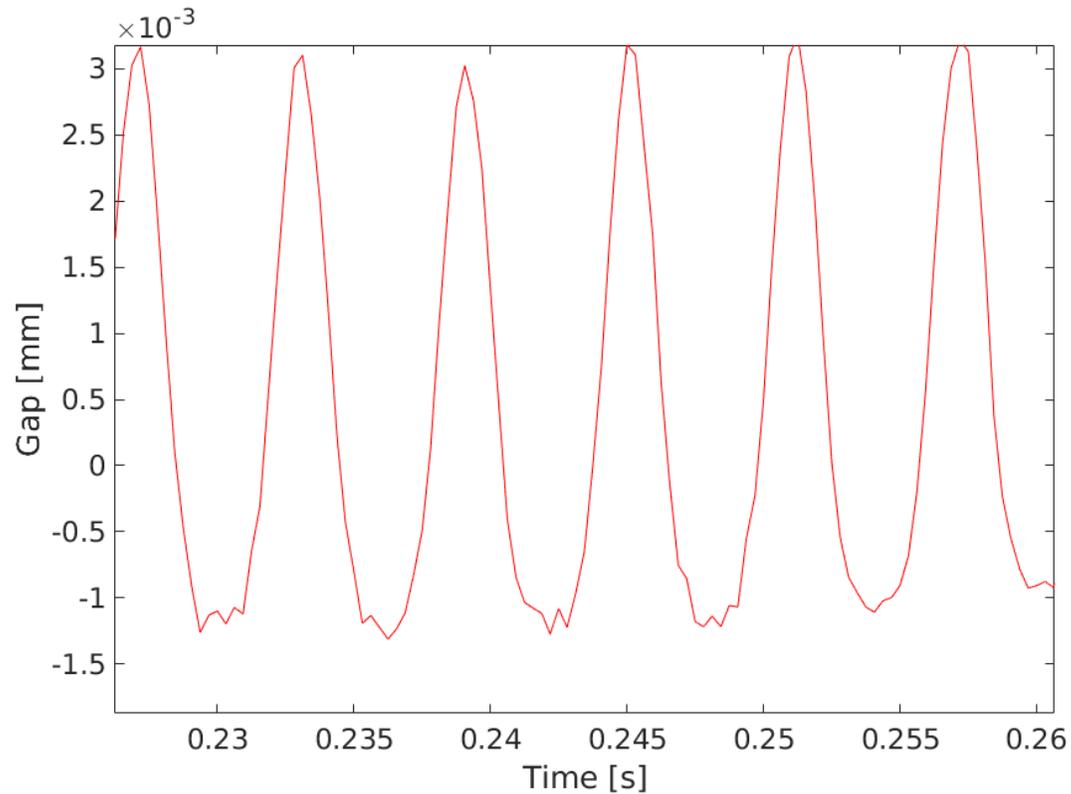
FEA Simulation Results at 15 N

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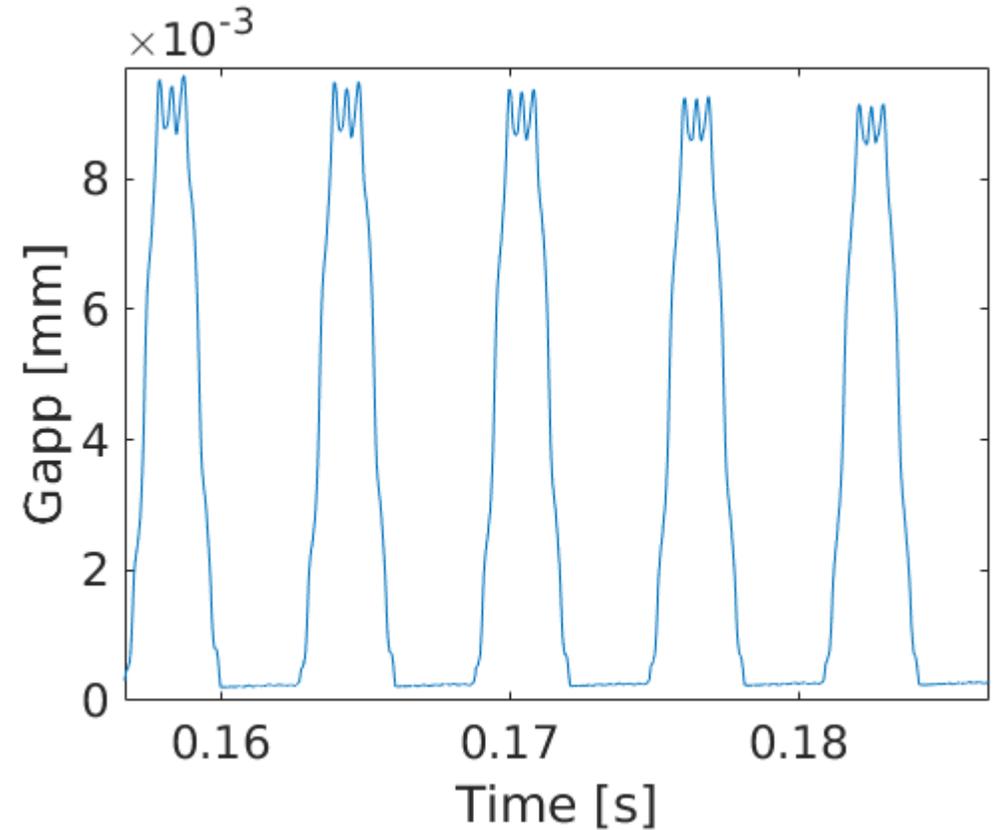


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Experimental Results at 15 N



FEA Simulation Results at 15 N Zoomed in



Raw Video



X7 Magnified